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WIFA Chairman Steve Owens Presents Project of the Year Award to Town of Patagonia

PHOENIX – Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona Chairman Steve Owens today presented the “Best Drinking Water Technical Assistance Project of the Year” award to the Town of Patagonia for a drinking water technical assistance project.

“The Town of Patagonia is recognized because of their effort in using WIFA grant funds to develop cost-effective solutions for their drinking water needs,” said Chairman Owens, who is also Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. “This effort will help Patagonia plan for its future. This is a great investment in Patagonia’s future.”

The Town used \$35,000 in WIFA grant funds to complete an analysis of its drinking water system, update a preliminary engineering report, and identify design alternatives and their potential costs. The grant was also used to develop a capital improvement plan for the Town’s drinking water system.

“We are pleased to help communities like Patagonia that need to plan for upgrades to their water infrastructure,” said Judy Navarrete, WIFA’s Interim Executive Director. “WIFA’s technical assistance grant funds help communities plan for much needed water infrastructure projects. We are proud to recognize communities that go above and beyond in the planning efforts.”

The WIFA Project of the Year awards are given to outstanding WIFA-funded projects as demonstrated by their performance in resolving water quality issues, securing public support and cooperative funding efforts. The WIFA Project of the Year awards are selected annually by the WIFA Board of Directors.

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ABOUT THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. WIFA's funds are capitalized by contributions from the US Congress and the state of Arizona. As a leader in water infrastructure finance, WIFA has become a premier financial institution both in Arizona and nationally. Visit WIFA’s Web site at www.azwifa.gov.